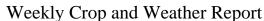


Maryland





October 22, 2007

Small amount of rain this week

Rain this past week will help small grains progress. **Barley** is 77 percent planted compared to 74 percent last week. **Winter Wheat** is 48 percent planted compared to 32 percent last week.

There were **6.4 days suitable for field work** for the week ending October 21, 2007.

Corn for grain harvested is 77 percent compared to 83 percent in 2006 **Soybeans** harvested is 37 percent, compared to 29 percent in 2006 and 27 percent for the five year average.

Fourth cutting of **alfalfa hay** is 91 percent complete and a fifth cutting of **alfalfa hay** is 24 percent complete. Fourth cutting of **other hay** is 62 percent complete.

Pasture condition is rated 29 percent very poor, 45 percent poor, 21 percent fair, and 5 percent good. **Hay** supplies were 36 percent very short, 40 percent short, 20 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 21, 2007

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Five Year Average				
	Percent							
<u>Field Crops</u>								
Corn Harvested for grain	77	72	83					
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	89	80	89	84				
Soybeans Harvested	37	25	29	27				
Barley Planted	77	74	74	73				
Winter Wheat Planted	48	32	41	42				
<u>Hay</u>								
Alfalfa Hay 4 th Cutting	91	88	77	82				
Alfalfa Hay 5 th Cutting	24	20	19	19				
Other Hay 4 th Cutting	62	54	49	68				

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 21, 2007

	Top	Topsoil Moisture			Subsoil Moisture		
Condition by Percent	This Week	Last Week	5 Year Average	This Week	Last Week	5 Year Average	
Very Short	48	46	-	58	58	-	
Short	39	44	-	29	33	-	
Adequate	13	10	-	13	9	-	
Surplus	-	-	-	-	-	-	

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 21, 2007

	Precipitation ¹			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland	110011	0 4421 2					11011111
Baltimore/Washington Airport	0.28	23.84	-9.19	81	43	64	9
Frederick	0.46	27.39	-4.59	79	40	62	11
Frostburg	0.24	32.91	-5.39	74	40	57	9
Hagerstown	0.88	20.68	-10.70	79	44	64	10
Mechanicsville	0.12	23.44	-13.32	78	39	62	7
Patuxent River	0.03	21.81	-12.68	80	47	67	10
Ocean City	0.02	22.97	-13.80	76	44	64	8
Salisbury	0.22	23.22	-14.18	80	37	63	7
Sharpsburg	0.80	25.56	-6.42	83	35	61	10
Stevensville	0.48	26.00	-8.26	79	47	65	9
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.37	22.09	-9.30	82	51	69	11
Delaware							
Dover	0.99	26.90	-9.55	80	48	66	9
Georgetown	1.42	24.92	-11.13	80	43	65	10
Wilmington	0.27	31.88	-1.29	79	45	65	11

¹ Precipitation totals as of 7 A.M. on recorded date.

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